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TOPIC: ~~Military Information from Altengrabow~~

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 20 November 1953, the Nordlager at Altengrabow troop training grounds was occupied by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. No training activity was noticed. Troops did maintenance work on motor vehicles. No activity was noticed on the training grounds north of the installation.

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2. Gun parking lots and motor vehicle lots were vacant. Also vacant were Suedlager and the cantonment built by the Soviets. Five trucks, presumably driving school trucks, were involved in dexterity tests in the west section of the former ammunition depot.

3. The cantonment 4 km south of Grossluepars was evacuated except for a guard detail whose personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets. No vehicular traffic was noticed.

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4. On 26 November, the Nordlager was occupied by about 3,000 to 4,000 troops and 100 uniformed women. Between 21 and 26 November, many of the women returned to the USSR. On 23 November, about 30 recruits wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and equipped with field glasses were seen on a hill between Doernitz and the camp, drawing sketches. A radio station was near the camp. On 25 November, 30 soldiers constructed field cables along the small-gauge railway between the camp and Doernitz and 30 other soldiers practiced carbine firing on the target ranges. Thirty more soldiers fired pistols on the target ranges. Between 16 and 21 November, an officer inspected German residences in Doernitz, confiscating some of the apartments for Soviet families.

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Comment: the artillery units permanently stationed in Nordlager (5001) belong to the Third Shock Army and to the IV Army Corps. This information confirms previous assumptions according to which the 10th How Artillery Brig is stationed in the installation in addition to the 44th Army Artillery Brig. Another indication as to this fact is the strength estimate in paragraph 4, as the two brigades may number about 3,000 troops.

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